

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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Title: LOW INTENSITY CONFLICT TRAINING AT BROVES, CAMP DE
CANJUERS, FRANCE

Operation/Exercise Name: TRANCH 96-2

Observed: 09 Feb 1996

Originator: BLT 2/8, CO F

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

The company conducted Low Intensity Conflict (LIC) oriented training at the town of Broves during TRANCH 96-2. The town was set up exactly as we envisioned and the CO was able to meet all training requirements.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

Broves is unlike any type of Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain (MOUT) facility that we had used before. It is simply a very old French village that is now abandoned and used for military training. The structures were not built with the training of thousands of soldiers and Marines in mind. The company was able to put together a plan for LIC training focusing on Bosnia and successfully implement the plan. Our focus was on MOUT and rules of engagement training. The single largest problem with the training area was the unsafe state of many of the buildings. It was necessary for us to clearly mark all off-limits buildings and exercise extremely close supervision during the training to ensure the safety of our Marines.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

A good initial recon was essential in our being able to identify the unsafe buildings, and have them marked prior to the company arriving in the training area. The recon afforded us the ability to determine if the complex was suitable to our needs and allowed us time to tailor our training to the facility.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Determine exactly what your requirements for training are and send a recon element to Broves a day prior to the arrival of the main body. Those personnel can go to Camp de Canjuers with the personnel receiving range and training area briefs.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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